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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16 at line 26 and continuing to page 17 at line 10 with the following paragraph:

Individual audit files can be combined with the current version of the distribution order data to form a new full version. This functionality allows parallel processing of the distribution order data by a plurality of operators. As depicted in FIGURE 6, this first involves the current version of the distribution order data being read 700 from the hard disk. This involves setting up 701 a hash table in accordance with normal programming technology in the memory, as already described above. All audit entries from the audit file are processed 702, and a check is first carried out to determine whether each entry is still valid 703. If it is not possible to apply an entry, for example because the delivery point is missing, the entry is stored 706 in the audit log file. If it is possible to apply the entry, however, the change is made 704, and a new entry is stored 705 in the new audit file. When all the audit entries have been processed 707, the new version of the distribution order data is stored 708.